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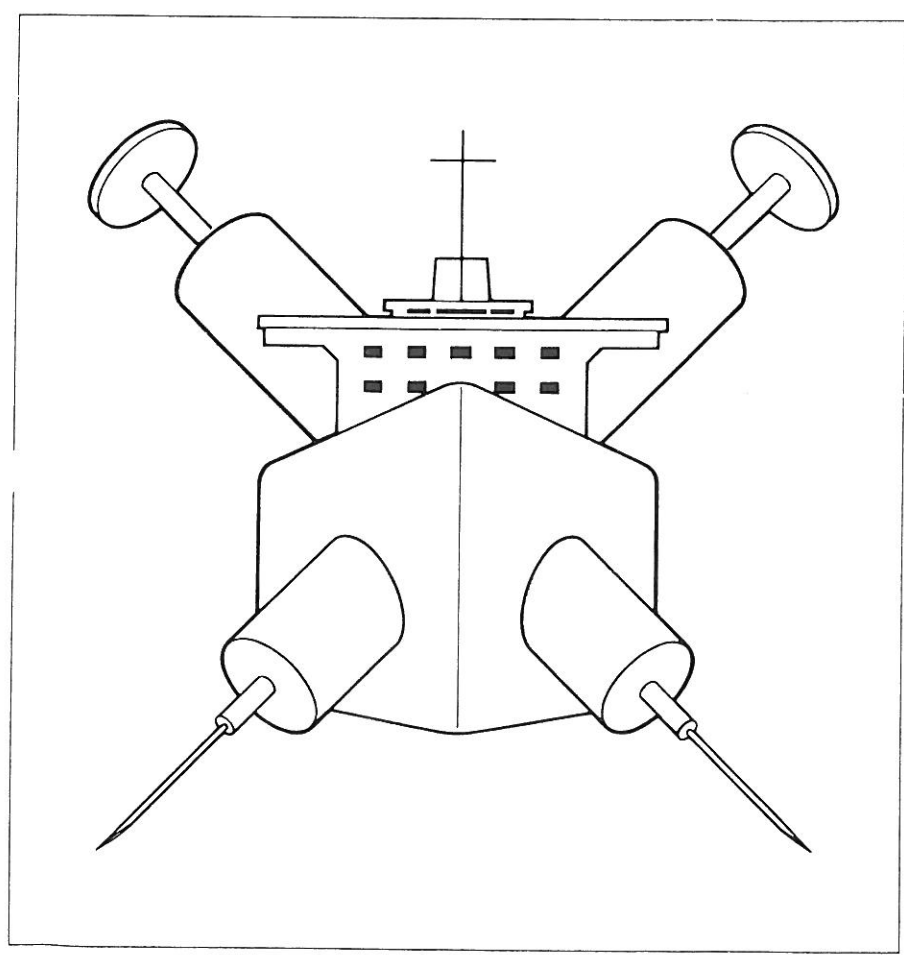
BROCHURE ON DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

- 1 At its nineteenth session, from 30 April to 4 May 1990, the Facilitation Committee noted the availability of a brochure on "Drug abuse and illicit trafficking", aimed at seafarers, and agreed it should be distributed to all IMO Members and observer organizations.
- 2 A specimen of the brochure, which has been made available free of charge in English, French and Spanish, is attached.
- 3 In view of the limited number of copies of the brochure available and financial restrictions, it is suggested that issue of the brochures be organized by national Administrations or industry organizations.

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DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

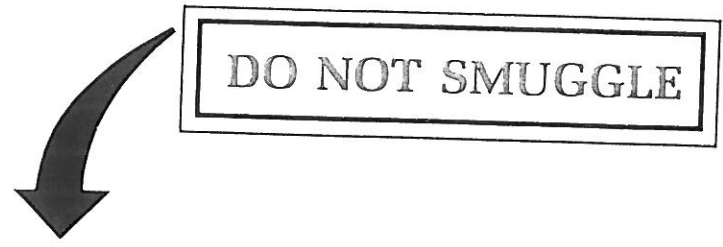


A major concern of the
International Maritime Organization



DRUGS ON BOARD

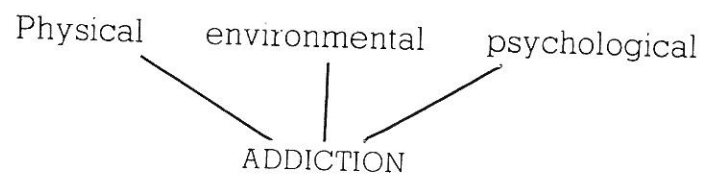
*The fight
against
drug traffickers
and drug users*



- ★ Around the world there are very severe penalties for smuggling:

HEAVY FINES IMPRISONMENT DEATH

- ★ Is it worth the risk?
- ★ As well as putting yourself at risk, you are also putting others at risk.
- ★ Have you considered the effect on others including your children?
- ★ Drug abuse can lead to:



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SAFETY THEME



When a suspect substance is discovered, do not feel, handle or touch it.



Get another officer to witness any suspect package or substance.



Drug use on a ship puts you, your mates and your ship at risk.



The risk of drug dependence is high.



A drug user is not in control of himself and his actions can endanger you.




Your safety depends on you.










REMEMBER - DRUGS CAN KILL.

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SMUGGLING BY OTHERS

-  You can help stop smuggling.
-  Anyone could be a drug smuggler.
-  Their crime could place the innocent, even you, at risk.
-  Drugs can be hidden anywhere in a ship.
-  If you are suspicious or find drugs, do not keep it to yourself -
TELL THE MASTER OR A SENIOR OFFICER
-  Customs or police must be told.
-  Always remember that customs or police officers can be approached in confidence.



BE WARY OF DRUG PUSHERS

- The drug scene is a complex network of criminal activity.
- Traffickers and their agents could influence you to assist in the movement of drug consignments.
- Do not come to grief through ignorance or incorrect information.
- Highly professional, organized criminal groups are often involved and there is always the possibility of violence, even an armed attack.

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*D*rug abuse and drug trafficking have become an international criminal activity demanding urgent attention and maximum priority.

To help curb the smuggling and use of drugs at sea, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is working with others to overcome a growing problem that extends beyond national borders.

The collection and movement of drugs to international markets requires sophisticated, complex and varied networks of couriers and smugglers. The professional trafficker rarely carries the drug himself and usually finds an accomplice to do so. This is often the merchant seaman, who represents a readily available means of smuggling narcotics. Often the seaman himself is not fully aware of the risks involved, with the danger of a possible long imprisonment if he is caught smuggling drugs. Also, the lure of large monetary rewards often persuades such people to co-operate with the traffickers.

Shipowners, seafarers and others closely involved in ship operations share a collective responsibility to combat illicit trafficking of drugs at sea.
